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Two Cops Killed in Raging Transsexual Shoot Out

The regular calm of a sleepy Philadelphia suburb was rocked by a bloody shoot out and cop killing in late April. Glenn Nelson, 37, who has used the name Leslie since a sex reassignment operation, held police at bay for more than 12 hours in the South Jersey town of Haddon Heights.

Prosecutor Edward Borden went to the transsexual's home to question Nelson about a child molestation case. After spotting a cache of weapons he returned with police officers and a search warrant.

Officer John Norcross

Officer John McLaughlin

The standoff began when Nelson, wearing a bullet-proof vest, allegedly opened fire with an AK-47. Officer John Norcross was shot in the face and pronounced dead a short time later in hospital. He is the first police officer in the town of 8,500 ever killed in the line of duty. His brother, Detective Sgt. Richard Norcross was shot four times, but survived. Jack McLaughlin, a Camden County prosecutor's investigator, was also killed. It is only the second homicide in Hadden Heights in more than 50 years.

Nelson was described by neighbours as a smart, straight-A student when in high school. They described her recent behaviour as increasingly bizarre. She could face the death penalty if convicted. Nelson lived with her parents. Her mother escaped the shoot out.

– NFTU Ottawa

The Sad Awful Story...see page 7

Get Ready To Wear Your Pride

Pride Week gets underway with a kickoff coffeehouse at the ALGBO Centre (318 Lisgar Street) July 14th. The Parade and Picnic, which follow that Sunday start in the early afternoon. Transpersons are encouraged to join the fun. The parade follows its traditional Elgin street route. The Picnic, which has been moved to Wellington park between the Supreme Court and National Archives, features a beer tent, InfoFair, and free late afternoon entertainment – and we are told Drag Queens.

A true docu-drama "I Am My Own Woman", about a crossdresser who grew up in Nazi Germany and lived through the communist years is a highlight at the ALGBO centre Monday July 17th at 8:30pm. A second video features lesbian author Jane Rule.

Violence against the Queer community is the subject for a video presentation at RMOC on Wednesday night at 7pm. Presented by the Ottawa-Carleton Police Liaison Committee, which includes transpersons protection, the free event highlights problems and solutions, and the growing partnership with Canadian police forces.

Later in the week at the ALGBO centre, the Thursday night OUTI bar and Friday night Coffeehouse carry on the Pride celebrations.

CHUO (cable FM 89.1) will carry Pride Week broadcasts weeknights from 6-7pm in French and English.

Trans Vs The Mayor

Transpersons are welcome at Pride Day, but maybe not at City Hall. Ottawa Council was to vote on a Pride Week Proclamation which would recognize transgendered persons for the first time. Although gay, and lesbian mention in the Pride Week proclamation is all but assured, bisexual and transgendered inclusion in the wording was expected to cause heat. The vote was to come just after press time.

Gender Mosaic Members March in Pride Parade 94

Extermination Group Killing Transvestites in Sao Paulo

NEW YORK (el diario/La Prensa) – Fifteen transvestite prostitutes have been killed in Sao Paulo in three months by an extermination group, according to members of the homosexual community in an article published in the Brazilian newspaper El Globo. The police began in March to investigate the existence of these extermination groups after a reporter discovered that two transvestites had been killed in the same manner.

The group consists of four men using two different cars, said Andrea de Maio, owner of a gay discotheque in Sao Paulo. De Maio said the group has been active for at least ten years. The modus operandi appears to be luring transvestite prostitutes to their cars and then shooting them in the head. The murders occur on different days every week-end. Carlos Sato, who is carrying out the investigation, said that if they can resolve the case of three transvestites who were killed on the same day on the same street, they will certainly be able to solve the other crimes.

Gay groups say the police are not interested in solving the crimes since the biggest concern of the two police stations, located in the areas where male prostitution is concentrated, is getting the transvestites off the streets.

As a result of the murder, transvestites now travel in groups and write down the license plate numbers of any cars they approach.

– NY Transfer News Collective

Inside this issue - Sizzlin Trans Fantasies - Lesbians Adopt - Goin Out in Drag - Gays in Court - & MORE !!

Barbie Torched and Banished by Mad Mullahs

LONDON (International Express) – Islamic militants have issued a religious contract to kill off the famous American "Barbie Doll." The busty, blonde, best-selling toy has fallen to the same fate as author Salman Rushdie. Labelled by mullahs, a "she-devil" from whom children must be protected, several Middle East toy stores carrying the product have already been torched by hardliners.

"The Ayatollah has spoken," says a spokesperson for the College of Islamic Sharia in Kuwait. "Barbie resembles a mature woman and has nothing to do with children. This she-devil has polished nails and wears skirts above the knee."

"Our children must be protected from this evil Western style of living, in the shaping of the body, the voluptuous fullness of the lips and her blonde hair," he explains.

Barbie-maker, Mattel in the US admits moves to ban the doll have also started in Malaysia. A company spokesperson says most Middle East families have rejected calls to burn the doll.

But Lady, You're a Guy!

A 75 year old Belleville woman was shocked recently when she found out her birth certificate said she was a man! Margarethe Weller, who became a Canadian citizen 30 years ago, was applying for her sixth passport when officials noted her original birth certificate said she was male. Previous passport applications had gone through without problem and her sex was correctly entered. But once the mix-up was discovered she was told to reapply for citizenship and would have to produce a doctor's certificate proving she is a woman. A local MP intervened shortly after and now the federal government says it will take her word for it without officially checking between her legs.

Hey Guy ... you can't Marry HER!

A Belgian soccer star was stopped from marrying the love of his life because of another birth certificate foul-up by bungling bureaucrats. Vincent Thoelen, 23, was told by officials his sex is female. He is taking the matter to court to have his documents fixed.

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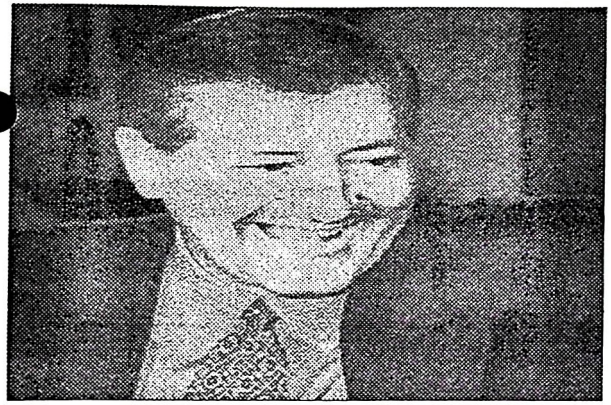

Mike Harris is all smiles after victory

Ontario Votes Conservative

Mike Harris Wins Majority

by Karen Patrick

A surprise landslide June victory has propelled Ontario's Tories back into office for the first time in almost a decade. Mike Harris' Progressive Conservative platform promises workfare for welfare recipients and may cut funding for sex reassignment surgery. Same-sex rights legislation and extension of "sexual orientation" in the provincial human rights code now appear to be distant possibilities. Several political analysts predict little effective opposition in Harris's first year from the former governing NDP (now relegated to third party status) and the official opposition Liberals who will likely be in disarray after losing an election which was predicted to be a cakewalk for them.

It's uncertain how much negative effect the PC's will have on gay, lesbian, bi, and trans rights in the province - but most groups expect a tough battle. Other activist groups are deeply concerned over the expected sweeping changes to social policies.

In the words of the *Ottawa Citizen's* John Ibbitson, "The grass in front of Queen's Park may be permanently trampled from all the demonstrations."

Transpersons in a Rightwing World

by Laura Masters

TransEqual does not look forward to the next 5 years. Our job has just become considerably harder than it would have been under either the Liberals or the New Democrats. With an NDP government and Liberal opposition, we were able to make considerable progress in human rights policy and practice. This was achieved mainly by working quietly and often in cooperation with ministry officials. As the ministry's upper management now changes, we are going to lose support in several key areas.

While the election of the Progressive Conservatives is not expected to stop our work for transies in Ontario, it is reasonable to assume that it will slow it. We fully expect that a number of initiatives where we were making good progress as lobbyists and negotiators will have to be moved into the courts if we are to maintain forward motion.

Overall we are not expecting sweeping change in the lives of transies. Although we do expect that a number of policies and practices that we now take for granted may have to be defended. For example: the funding for sex-change surgery will almost certainly be placed under scrutiny as part of the proposed health care changes, but it seems highly unlikely that protection for transies under human rights law could be taken away. Mikes here, we're queer... we'll get used to it!

ED: TransEqual is a transrights advocacy

Ottawa's Regional Chair Meets with GLB Groups

About 20 representatives of gay, lesbian, bi, and trans groups met with Ottawa-Carleton Regional Chair Peter Clark in late May to discuss community concerns.

Clark promised continuation of same-sex benefits to regional government employees. He also promised to use his office to ensure sensitivity education of employees toward visible minorities is not forgotten. But Clark stated the taxpayer "foots the bill" for any grants to special interest groups and that government must be answerable to that.

Joanne Law and Linda, from transgroup Gender Mosaic, were in attendance but did not raise any concerns at the meeting.

WEIRD WISDOM

I remember reading in the Bible somewhere that the Anti-Christ is to be born to a person unable to bear fruit (or something like that) – perhaps the passage means a transsexual involved in a medical pregnancy experiment? So it should be kept in mind, when Reverend Fallwell and his fundamentalist ilk bray venom against transpersons, they should be forgiven – afterall, it's only preventive maintenance!

Perhaps the world is a kinder, gentler place? In Salem and such Christians once burned transsexuals (faggots for the flames) to stoke up the fire for convicted witches. Today Middle East Muslim Mullahs are only burning little plastic 'she-devil' Barbie Dolls (transvestite dream idols) so things can't be all that bad!

20 Years For Church Street

Toronto's 519 Church Street Community Centre is 20 years old. The centre, which is city owned, is renowned for its large number of Gay, Lesbian, and Transsexual events and services. The 519, which is not exclusively gay, receives around $600,000 a year from the city. Nearly half a million dollars pay for staff and operating costs. Additional money is raised through dances, auctions, member drives, special events, and the business community.

The centre also provides programs for the disabled, children, and seniors. Nearly 200,000 people pass through its doors each year.

Crossdresser Clubs Talk Merger

Xpressions -- the new kid on the block in Toronto which grew out of the demise of the Canadian Crossdressers Club at Wildside, is talking merger with the well established transgroup Monarch Social Club, in Mississauga. Strength in numbers and problems with finding volunteers for club functions is the driving force behind talk by some Monarch members. According to *MiSs C's TV Briefs*, the Monarch newsletter, some members have opened informal channels with the Toronto club over the past several months. A number of members are part of both groups. However, questions regarding a merged club name and other details remain unresolved.

Big Sisters for Crossdressers

Toronto-region transgroup, Monarch Social Club, is launching a Big Sisters program to help new members become comfortable with themselves and the group. New members of transgroups often don't mix socially at parties and more often are unwilling to show up – drag or not. The Big Sisters program would help connect newcomers with long-timers to assist them in going out in public in drag, buying clothes, meeting friends, and generally becoming more self-accepting through contact.

Monarch Editor Steps Down

After four years as Editor of *MiSs C's TV Briefs*, Monarch's Melissa is stepping down to spend more time with her fiancee. For a period of time, the newsletter reached up to 30 pages in size. Recently has shrunk to a few pages. Apparently a club decision to print fewer "issues" articles is at blame. Melissa has offered her resignation before, but stayed on to continue the publication. The group has issued calls for a wide variety of article submissions. Contact MSC, Mississauga "A", PO Box 386, Mississauga, ON L5A 3A1.

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Ontario Same Sex Couple Allowed to Adopt

A breath of fresh air

The Ontario Court's Provincial Division in May overturned a provincial law banning adoption by homosexual couples and allowed four lesbians to adopt their partners' children, reported Toronto's The Globe and Mail.

Judge David Nevins said the restriction in the Child and Family Services Act violated the federal Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Single homosexuals had not been prevented from adopting by the law.

Crossdresser Outreach

Gayline staff meets for Q&A

Some of the staff of Ottawa's Gayline (Canada's longest running gayline) sat down for a two hour Q&A in early May with representatives from Gender Mosaic – the Capital's major transcommunity group. Joanne Law and Linda were invited to the Pink Triangle office to help educate the Gayline staff in dealing with it's near 40 calls per month from transpersons in the Ottawa region.

"They wanted to know what we had to offer to the community and how we could help each other," says Linda.

"There were many interesting questions put forward by the staff with the intent to better inform themselves about crossdressing and transsexual related telephone calls. They all expressed frustration in trying to deal with these types of calls, as their background and knowledge was at best limited."

GM's Joanne Law (far right) with Gayline Volunteers

Gayline staff were given information on making sincere referrals for transcommunity help in the region. It was the first formal meeting of its kind with Gender Mosaic.

"They all seemed genuinely interested and positive about our objectives and expressed appreciation for our input, as they deal with one or two crossdressing related calls a night," stated Linda.

Joanne and Linda expressed their own thanks for the opportunity to help out.

The Gayline is open 7pm - 10pm daily -- (613) 238-1717.

GM's Helpline -- (819) 770-1945.

Gender Mosaic Adopts Bylaws

Ottawa's major transgroup, Gender Mosaic, has stepped into a new era of organization. In mid-May, the club adopted its first set of bylaws in a near unanimous vote. The four-page, small print document, lays a blueprint for openness in membership *regardless of sexual orientation*, recognizes transcommunity supporters, and significant others.

The Bylaws call for annual elections of five Executive Committee officers to handle daily business, the formation of special committees, an Ombudswoman, and Auditor.

Measures to help ensure confidentiality of members' personal information are also included.

GM President Ronda, says now that the document has been accepted, the next priority for the group is activities. The Bylaws were drafted over a four month period by Karen Patrick, Gail, Ted, Linda, and Committee Chair Sophy.

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Canadian Gays Lose and Win in Court

by Rex Wockner

The Supreme Court has ruled 5-4 that the lifelong male partner of a British Columbia man was not entitled to the pension paid to spouses of retired government employees.

But in issuing its ruling in late May, the court declared that in general Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation – even though gay protections are not specifically written into the document.

Elated gay activists quickly announced plans to use the landmark ruling to challenge dozens of discriminatory laws nationwide.

"The general principle that it is discriminatory to refuse to recognize homosexual relationships has been established," said John Fisher, head of the gay-lobbying group Egale. "The Supreme Court has opened the doors on an era of litigation, and we will rise to that challenge and challenge every single statute, one by one by one if we have to."

On the main issue of the case, the court said Plaintiffs Jim Egan, 73, and Jack Nesbit, 67, did not meet "the fundamental social objectives" of the Old Age Security Act because it was designed to aid poor elderly women who chose to raise children rather than work outside the home.

Spouses of retired heterosexuals get up to $504 monthly if the couple has an income below about $15,170.

Egan and Nesbit have been together since 1948.

Major Carmaker Advertises in Gay Press

General Motors' Saturn division has become the first major carmaker to advertise in the U.S. gay press, reported the Gannett News Service.

The non-gay-specific ad in the May issue of Out magazine features a female engineer who designs air bags.

"For a U.S. carmaker to do something like this is a huge deal," said Daniel Baker, editor of Quotient, a newsletter about the gay market.

Saturn Vice President of Marketing Don Hudler disagreed, calling the move nothing more than "a business decision."

British Cops Buy Space with Gay Press

British police forces will advertise in the national gay newspaper *The Pink Paper* to recruit officers and refute allegations of homophobia, according to Reuter.

"We want to dispel the myth that we are anti-gay, and advertising in this way is a step in that direction," said police spokesman Mark Lamb.

"Society at all levels is increasingly coming round to the view that an individual's sexuality is no big deal and that's our view too," he said.

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London Gays Storm Straight Shrink's Speech

British gays and lesbians invaded a prestigious London school of psychotherapy and halted a speech by controversial U.S. psychiatrist Charles Socarides, according to a press release.

About 20 protesters calling themselves *Dykes and Fags Gone Mad* stormed the podium at Regents Park College and sprayed Socarides with luminous pink sticky foam while blowing whistles and fog horns.

They chanted, "We're not sick, we don't need healing," and carried posters reading: "Cure Homophobic Psychotherapists" and "Mind-F**cker."

Socarides, drenched in pink, was lead away by guards. After 10 minutes, police removed the demonstrators. There were no arrests at the late April incident.

Socarides, a professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, is a leading proponent of therapies designed to turn gays straight. He testified as a medical expert when the U.S. Congress held hearings on gays in the military.

Dykes and Fags Gone Mad spokesman, Fernando Guasch, told the audience of psychotherapists that Socarides' lecture could not be seen as a mere academic exchange of ideas.

"For 35 years this man has fought against equal rights for lesbians and gay men," Guasch said. "He has damaged untold numbers of people. This man's work is part of a political war against the gay community. For this man to be invited to speak by prestigious British psychotherapeutic institutions is an insult to lesbian and gay people."

Socarides was originally scheduled to give the prestigious annual lecture to the National Health Service's Association for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy but he was replaced after protests from other members.

Socarides' son Richard, a member of President Clinton's White House staff, is openly gay, according to the British press release.

Gay Leader Fears For Life

Leading Brazilian gay activist Luiz Mott's house was spray-painted and his car windows were broken in late May after newspapers published an opinion piece in which he suggested that a hero of Brazilian blacks, the late Zumbi, was gay. Mott is head of the Grupo Gay Da Bahia in the city of Salvador.

In an e-mail message, Mott said he is concerned for his safety and urged gay activists to lobby the Secretary of Public Safety, Francisco Andrade, at fax number 011-55-71-320-4175.

BRIEFLY

Drag Queens A Hit In Communist Cuba

Cuban drag queens are coming out left and right following the international success of the Cuban gay-themed film "Strawberry and Chocolate," says the Associated Press. They are performing in underground cabarets and even at an officially sanctioned transvestite show.

"Now even the traditionally conservative unions, strongly tied to the (Communist) party, are hiring transvestites to entertain their members," AP reported.

In addition, a drag queen named Margot is one of the main characters on Cuba's most-popular TV program, "El Sabadazo."

Drag Queens Conquer Television

Drag queens in The Netherlands now have their own national TV program, "De Travestie Show."

"Transvestites are all the rage in The Netherlands," explained the newspaper De Gay Krant. "On a typical Saturday evening Amsterdam is positively bursting with drag queens."

Program hosts Robert ten Brink and Dutch-American drag queen Nicky Nicole will introduce four debutantes each week, De Gay Krant said.

Amsterdam Wants To Segregate Prostitutes

Health officials in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, have proposed creating a separate space in the city's red-light district for transvestite and transsexual prostitutes, reports correspondent Bert Schuur.

The officials believe this will reduce violence by preventing surprises among customers who prefer women who were born female.

Of the 300 hookers working legally in the red-light district, about 70 are thought to be transgendered.

TV Shows Romania's First Sex-Change

Romanian newspapers and television reported the nation's first sex change operation April 27 complete with graphic pictures of severed genitalia.

The penis and testes of 19-year-old Sorin Ratiu were shown to cameras by Bucharest surgeons who worked eight hours to make him into Sorina. State TV news showed the operation in detail.

A week earlier, a court in Transylvania OK'd the operation for fear Ratiu might otherwise mutilate or kill herself. Officials opted to classify her as "handicapped" due to "mental disability."

CD Roms Feature A Gigabyte of Bondage Pics and Stories

American based BBS, Backdrop, is offering a CD-ROM deal for bondage enthusiasts. They've taken most of the two gigabytes of stories and photos on their system and written them to compact laser discs with their own equipment. The CD's are not cheap at up to $125 each, but the producers say it costs them a lot and saves hours of download time. B&D friends can call (415) 965-4499 to order by credit card or check, or email robin@backdrop.net. It's not certain if the CD's can be shipped to Canada due to the stringent laws here.

Illusions Makes It Five Big Ones

In just five years, Calgary's Illusions Social Club has grown – a lot! From just 10 original members who gathered for a wine & cheese party to over 200 today. The group features loads of regular dress-up events.

In 1991, members built their own clubhouse from space next to the store where the group was founded. Illusions, which is open to all transpersons and their friends, marked its 5th anniversary at a party in early June.

Quotes

"The large majority of people who enjoy wearing clothes of the opposite gender are heterosexual. They are not any more a part of the gay community than are other heterosexual people. To tack on transgendered in references to the lesbian, gay and bisexual community is nonsensical, and little more than politically correct pandering."

–Chicago's Windy City Times in an editorial.

"ACT UP's three greatest accomplishments were that we made AIDS a political issue; we changed the image of gay men from limp-wristed fairies to tough warriors; and we got the drug-approval process changed from ten years to, in some cases, less than one year."

–ACT UP founder Larry Kramer to New York magazine.

"I've been HIV-positive all my adult life. Everything I've accomplished I've accomplished as an HIV-positive person."

– Strub to The New Yorker

Men Buying Women's Clothes

by Kim Allen

You may have seen the ads in NFTU for stores that cater to cross-dressers. But, some of you guys might not know the do's and don'ts of shopping for women's clothing. If it's your first time it may be a little trying on the nerves. Each store is bound to be different depending on what they sell, the customers and the clerk. To make things a little clearer and to save you embarrassment – we went to two locations to talk to the management.

J.B. Shoes is located at the West Gate Mall. It specializes in large size shoes with some very nice styles. The ad says "private fitting by appointment." That's only if you prefer, you are welcome there anytime. It doesn't matter whether you are dressed as a female or male. If you want to try on ladies shoes wearing a suit and tie – that's up to you. John, the owner, is happy to help. If you prefer a lady, ask for Carolle. She says that men may be more comfortable talking to her, and she knows how all the women's shoes should feel and fit.

Marianne's, at Westgate, specializes in lingerie and swimwear They also carry a selection of breastforms. The store requires a little more discretion. It's busy and there are bound to be two or three customers at anytime. You don't need an appointment to buy something off the rack, but if you like to try things on, Marianne prefers you let her know ahead of time so she can reserve the private fitting room. Most of the girls will serve you, but some of the newer employees might not be at ease. Unless you're buying off the rack, calling for an appointment is the best thing to do.

Braveheart Bashes Gays

by Al Kielwasser

With the Paramount Pictures release of "Braveheart," the film's producer/director/star – Mel Gibson – continues his career in gay bashing.

In this much-hyped film, gays are (once again) singled out for gratuitous contempt. The ostensibly "fact-based" epic portrays Edward II (believed by historians to be gay) as an excessively foolish and vain homosexual, deserving of the audience's ridicule. In screenings thus far, audiences have consistently laughed (on cue) every time the character appears on screen, and have even cheered as Edward's lover is tossed out a window to his death.

In their rush to pay homage to Mel Gibson, the mainstream media have ignored Braveheart's homophobia. The New York Times instantly declared the film "a stroke of brilliance."

Gibson has been further flattered by his appearance on the covers of several major magazines.

In her six-page GQ cover story ("Mad Mac"), Stephanie Mansfield never once mentions the possibility of Braveheart's homophobia, even though she was treated to a pre-screening of the film before it's final edit and release. In "Wild At Heart," US magazine's Jancee Dunn offers – over the course of five dense pages – only a parenthetical comment about the film's anti-gay bias. Of Edward II, she writes "It's a part that could have been written by Andrew Dice Clay, and one which critics will be sure to seize upon." Nevertheless, US opted to use Gibson's face on the subscription cards tucked into each magazine. Apparently, homophobia sells.

In its "Summer Movie Preview" issue (May 26), Entertainment Weekly also gives ample page space to Braveheart. Once again, homophobia is utterly ignored (the editors did manage, however, to include a photo of Gibson's oft-discussed butt).

The myopic hype continued on Larry King Live (CNN, May 26). Appearing on the popular talk show, Gibson said of Braveheart: "It's the kind of film I always wanted to see when I was growing up."

Unfortunately, Braveheart IS the kind of film that too many children already see; Hollywood consistently markets an unbalanced homophobia to youth audiences. Is it any wonder that young men perpetrate most of the anti-gay hate violence in this country?

Bleating out further praise for Braveheart, Larry King told Mel Gibson: "You ought to be damned proud!"

While Braveheart appears inconsistent with historical fact, it certainly IS consistent with Mel Gibson's own history of contempt for gays. He has regularly made a point of ridiculing the gay community, publicly suggesting that gay men and gay sex are disgusting and unnatural.

Obviously, there's nothing BRAVE about being homophobic. Everyday, lesbians and gay men are attacked and assaulted. And like a COWARDLY school-yard bully, Mel Gibson just keeps cheering on the bashers.

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Beyond the Edge

ACCUSED TRANSSEXUAL COP KILLER

special from the
Courier-Post Newspaper
Camden County, New Jersey

By Robin Uris

HADDON HEIGHTS – Accused cop killer Leslie Nelson was turned away from the only sex-change surgeon in the Delaware Valley after psychological tests revealed he was "psychotic, paranoid, suicidal, and hostile."

In the late 1980s, Glenn Nelson went to Dr. Terrence Malloy's office at Pennsylvania Hospital hoping the prominent surgeon would perform the operation necessary to make him a woman. But routine psychological tests performed there revealed Nelson was a good candidate for therapy, but not the kind that leads to gender reassignment.

"I'd be surprised if any reputable doctor would take him on," said Dr. Malloy, an urologist and the only doctor in the area who performs such surgery. "He came here for a screening and it became obvious to us very quickly that he had very serious psychological problems. Simply, he was not a candidate for our program because he was, and is, a sick individual."

Malloy said Nelson's problems were more than any surgeon could solve. Where Nelson got the sex-change operation, however, remains a mystery. So does the way her apparent emotional problems managed to go unnoticed during the years of psychological testing required of anyone seeking a gender change – if that testing took place at all.

According to The Harry Benjamin Standards Of Care, the guidelines considered to be the final word in gender reassignment surgery, patients should be evaluated for at least two years before they even begin taking the hormones that begin physical changes. They should continue seeing a psychiatrist through hormone treatment, through surgery and sometimes for years afterward. But some experts doubt Nelson went the normal route in having her gender changed.

"There's a place in Trinidad, Colorado where they give you a menu of operations and how much they cost. To remove a uterus. To create testicles. For breast implants. You can have it done piecemeal and all you have to do is sign a consent form," Malloy said. "The Harry Benjamin Standards Of Care are guidelines, good guidelines! But every state has different laws. If you wanted to, you could get the operation in one day, without so much as a word with a psychiatrist."

A Courier-Post source who saw Nelson's medical records said her doctor has a Colorado address. Malloy said Nelson's emotional problems extended far beyond mere gender confusion.

"My records indicate that Nelson had a distorted idea about being a female," Malloy said. "He thought it would help him in life. Make his problems go away. But his problems were not with gender, they were more complicated than that."

Doctors define a transsexual as a person suffering from gender dysphoria, born with a physical gender that does not match their emotional gender. "It's a birth defect that can be fixed with surgery," said Kelly Harris, a transsexual who was in a support group with Nelson. "It's not a fetish. It's not done on a whim. For a transsexual, the problem is having been born the wrong gender. You fix it and then melt right back into society. You know it very early on in life."

"HE WAS A LONER"

People who grew up with Nelson did notice problems. And they had little to do with gender. "Glenn's brothers played with our children, but Glenn didn't play with anybody," said Bill Gooch, who lives across the street from the Nelson family. "I don't think he had any friends. He just went to school and came home. He was a loner. I guess he felt rather isolated."

The second of four children, Nelson was often seen walking in the park not far from his home. For hours, he would sit on a bench and stare into space. Sometimes he brought a book. When his neighbours said hello, he would mumble only a cursory reply, head down, hands jammed into his pockets.

Nelson was an A and B student all the way through Haddon Heights High School. Yet other students say when he bicycled home from school, he never carried any books.

Leslie Nelson at her arraignment

"He was one of those people who didn't have to study very hard," said Sandra Saulsbery, who graduated with Nelson in 1976 and shared a biology lab with him. "He never raised his hand in class, just sat there like he was afraid to talk to anybody. Glenn was just really different from everybody else, the kind of person who always sits alone at lunch. I don't think he showed up for the prom and I don't think anyone would notice if he did."

In the 1976 yearbook, Glenn Nelson smiles behind thick, black glasses. His hair is long and parted to the side. But the space beside Nelson's name, the space where his classmates put quotes from Pink Floyd songs and expressed dreams of going to college, is empty.

"IT JUST DIDN'T WORK"

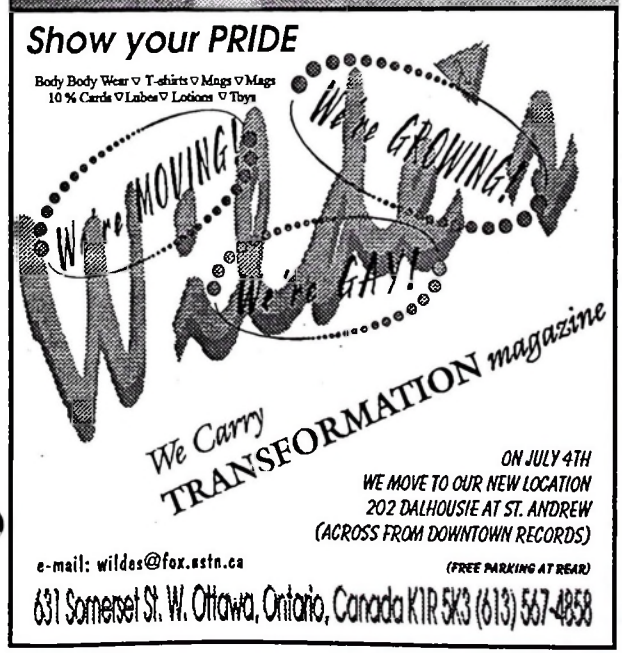
"Glenn went out for the track team his sophomore year, but he quit after about a week," said Mike Barbera, who graduated in 1975. "His brother Bobby was on the team and he was a great runner. I think Glenn wanted to be like that, too. With lots of friends. Really popular. It just didn't work, I guess."

Nelson began to visit strip joints in the late 1980s. By then, he had been turned away from Malloy's Center City clinic but was taking estrogen prescribed by an unknown physician. He started developing breasts. His skin was becoming smooth. He began calling himself Leslie. "He came in all the time, wearing headphones so nobody could start up a conversation," said a go-go dancer who refused to give her name. "And he was always jotting down in a little notebook, how a girl moved, what kind of costumes she wore. It was like he was studying."

The dancer said Nelson always ordered juice at the bar, never liquor or beer. He chain-smoked. He listened to heavy metal on his headphones.

Then one day Nelson reappeared. This time he had breast implants. And seemed a totally different per-

Nelson...see page 15



MEDICAL BULLETIN

PLEASE NOTE: DR. BROWN IS USING AN ASSUMED NAME – THE NAME OF THE "CLINIC" HAS PROBABLY CHANGED

Dr. John Brown: A Surgeon to Avoid

The New Woman Surgical Center in Tijuana, Mexico, advertises male-to-female sex reassignment surgery at an inexpensive price. The reality is that the quality of work and aftercare there has been reported to be very poor, and even life-threatening, and we have documented that this is indeed true. One of the surgeons is none other than Dr. John Brown, who has a long history of mutilating sex reassignment and other plastic surgeries.

We are urging caregivers to avoid making referrals to Mexico. Those who may be planning sex reassignment surgeries should also avoid Mexico. Legitimate surgery is available in other countries at similar, and even lower, prices.

In 1977, *VIVA* magazine named Dr. John Brown as one of the worst plastic surgeons in the United States. He retreated to Tijuana in the late 1980s, after losing his medical license and serving a prison sentence in California for continuing to do surgery in disregard of the law and accepted medical practices.

The quality of Brown's work is very bad, and aftercare is even worse – and sometimes nonexistent. He has been known to put his "patients" into taxicabs immediately after surgery. Many of his patients end up with colostomies because of rectovaginal fistula, and most require revision surgery. Total closure of the vagina occurs in many, if not most, cases.

We will be happy to provide referrals to qualified sex reassignment surgeons to caregivers and to transsexual persons in accordance with the Standards of Care of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, Inc.

Dallas Denny, American Educational Gender Information Service, Inc., P.O. Box 33724, Decatur, GA 30033-0724

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Doctors Verify HIV-Baby Virus Free

LOS ANGELES (New England Journal of Medicine) – Federally supported investigators at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Medicine, report about an infant who cleared HIV infection.

The infant reported is the first virologically well-studied patient who clearly had HIV that is now undetectable, says National Institute of Health (NIH) funding recipient, Yvonne Bryson, M.D., lead author of the article. Small numbers of other HIV-infected children whose infections seem to have disappeared have been reported, but these cases were not well documented and in the absence of definitive explanation usually were attributed to laboratory errors.

The child, now five years old, was born to an HIV-infected mother. Scientists could not find HIV in the child's blood when the child was born, but viral culture tests at day 19 and day 51 did reveal the virus. Later attempts to find HIV using HIV-culture techniques, polymerase chain reaction and antigen searches did not reveal any virus. Today, the child is healthy and has no evidence of HIV infection.

Increased knowledge of when and how HIV is eliminated from the body could have profound implications for the prevention of HIV transmission as well as treatment and vaccine development, according to NIH scientists. This child's experience fits into one of the categories that could also be an outcome of HIV exposure after immunization–transient infection with no later evidence of virus or disease. Also, these data and additional studies may further understanding of why approximately 70 percent of infants born to HIV-infected mothers in the United States escape infection.

Scientists from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which helped support the study, caution that although the report provides new and encouraging information showing that, in rare instances, infants may clear HIV, the data do not suggest that HIV infection in infants will automatically disappear. Rather, the findings raise numerous questions about the frequency and mechanism of transient HIV infections, the implications for pregnant women and their children, and the HIV disease process and the body's immune response. Investigators do not know how HIV is cleared in such children. A number of possible explanations may suggest how the transient HIV infection may have occurred.

The theories, all of which require more evidence and testing, include that the infant had an immune response to HIV that either eliminated or is totally suppressing the virus. The immune response could come from maternal antibodies passed during pregnancy and/or from the infant's immune system. Another theory is that the child may have been infected with a defective form of HIV that could not adequately replicate. The UCLA study does not offer data that could clarify either the type of immune response this child had or the viral characteristics beyond its genetic fingerprint.

Gay Man to Open Lesbian Sperm Bank

A gay man in the Australian state of Tasmania plans to open a sperm bank for lesbians, reported the Reuter news service. Lesbians are often denied access to regular sperm banks.

Richard X, whose last name was withheld, said he will collect semen in glass jars and inseminate women with syringes. A spokesman for the Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights Group, Rodney Croome, supported the project.

"It's much safer than what exists now where lesbians have to have casual sex," Croome said. The Reuter dispatch did not say if Richard plans to screen the semen for viruses.

Health Care and Social Services

Project Affirmation Reaches Out

Hi there! My name is Ki Namaste, and I'm a transgendered person working with a group called Project Affirmation, which is studying health care and social services for sexual and gender minorities in Ontario.

I'm interested in interviewing transgendered people to document the difficulties we have in many aspects of our lives. Some of the subjects we could talk about include: access to hormones; finding a trans-positive doctor; dealing with the police; post-operative follow-up care; women's shelters, youth hostels, and social service programmes which don't accept transsexuals; transgendered people in jail; gender identity clinics. We don't have to cover all of these issues, and I certainly want to hear more about things which I haven't mentioned here! I want the final report to reflect the diversity of transgendered people.

Each interview will take about an hour, and an honorarium is available. Anonymity is guaranteed – you don't have to tell me your name, and you won't be identified in any documents. I want to speak with as many transgendered people as possible. I'll be conducting this research until the end of July, and you can call me toll-free at 1-800-663-5530 to set up an interview time.

Thanks for your help.

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A Divine Lake for Divine Boys

It's a Crossdressers' Paradise at Ontario's Mardi Gras

It's billed as 'Canada's Only Major Event' for crossdressers. This year's *Mardi Gras* is expanding to a four day fun-fest. The 9th annual event, presented by the Monarch Social Club, will be held from September 28th to October 1st at Divine Lake Resort. This serene getaway paradise is nestled in the Muskoka Lakes region, about a 2 hours drive north of Toronto. Mardi Gras is open to all transpersons and their significant others. Up to 50 people are expected by organizers.

Mardi Gras is a weekend of crossdressing fantasy in a quiet, comfortable atmosphere – some would call it total immersion.

Rates for the event start at $97 per night for double accommodation (2 per bed) in chalets and cottages for 3 or 4 days. The resort boasts a new Health Club with indoor hot tub and steam sauna, heated pool, tennis court, pool table, wind surfing (in drag?) and much more. All facilities are open to crossdressers. The event package price includes meals.

Reservations and $100 deposit (payable to Divine Lake Resort) must be received by the Monarch Social Club by August 2nd. Write MSC, Mississauga "A", PO Box 386, Mississauga, ON, L5A 3A1. Visa and Mastercard is accepted.

Good Marks For Ottawa

"Ottawa's substantial gay community is alive, thriving, and truly cosmopolitan in its scope, direction, activism, and lifestyle"

The April issue of glitzy Hollywood-based gay magazine, *Genre*, gives Ottawa a glowing review as a travel destination.

"Marvellous museums, great shopping, and a thriving gay scene await. It's even a foreign country, and it's closer than you think," says the national monthly.

The Byward market, "a popular place for good-looking gay men wearing preppy sweaters and tight jeans," is mentioned as a highlight along with the canal, Ottawa's museums and shops.

The Cell Block, Club 363, Le Club, Mags & Fags, and Wilde's are given plugs. The News Cafe on Elgin street is pointed out as "the" place for gay men to meet for a weekend brunch.

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CAMP TRANS '95

Share The Magic

5 Days of Peace, Love, and Trans-People on the Land

by Dana Friedman

In 1991, a transsexual woman, Nancy Jean Burkholder, was evicted from her second Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, simply because of her status as a transsexual woman. Then the next year, the Festival organizers retroactively announced a policy of "womyn-born womyn only," which in effect meant: "No Transsexuals Allowed." Wrote author and S/M activist Gayle Rubin: "After decades of feminist insistence that women are 'made, not born,' after fighting to establish that 'anatomy is not destiny,' it is astounding that ostensibly progressive events can get away with discriminatory policies based so blatantly on recycled biological determinism."

Then in the summer of 1993, five transsexual women and friends showed up to camp outside the main gates on of the Festival on federal land. "Camp Trans" was born.

In the summer of 1994, Camp Trans went "big-time." Twenty-seven trans-activists and friends camped out and were joined by over 400 festi-goers who came out of MWMF to attend over 30 workshops.

This year, Camp Trans is happening again!

Unlike last year, when several members of Camp Trans were temporarily allowed into Michigan thanks to the support of a group of Lesbian Avengers and Leatherwomen, rumour has it this summer Festival organizers have vowed again to keep out all trans-women. This is MWMF's 20th anniversary, and we estimate as many as 10-15,000 women will be in attendance from around the country. This is our chance to send a message loud and clear.

We want to see you at this year's Camp Trans this year for 5 days of peace, love, and transfriendly-people on the land. And the best part is, it's absolutely free. All you need to do is bring yourself, a sleeping bag, a tent, and lots of love.

In addition to workshops, there'll be some group meals, music, frisbee throwing, and lots of time to share with each other, walk in the woods, chat about our lives around the campfire. Not to mention we're going to educate 10,000 people from around the country and make lots of friends.

So be there! Share The Magic with us the second week of August.

For further information, contact: Riki Anne Wilchins – The Transsexual Menace, NYC. email: Riki@Pipeline.Com ph: 212/645-1753

NOTE: We welcome ALL trans and gender-friendly people.

Holiday En Femme

Dragfest Nestled in the Canadian Rockies

by Karen Patrick

It's to be held at the site of the fabulously successful Calgary Winter Games downhill events – the Lodge at Kananaskis (pronounced Can-ah-nah-ss-kiss) Village near Banff National park. Through first hand experience in the area, it's a place where you step off the bus and say – WOW!! Those Rockies make a person feel small and at one with God.

Holiday En Femme is hosted by the Tri-Ess chapter, Phi Sigma of Calgary, November 15th to the 19th. They promise fashion shows, transformation services, photos, nightly entertainment, a great western BBQ (those Alberta cows are something!) a spa and a lot more.

How would you like to lunch atop Chateau Lake Louise in drag? Or go horseback riding in skintight jeans with your breast forms heaving to the rhythm of your steed? The brochure promises a chance to invade the picturesque Banff shops with a gaggle of crossdressers. Then there is hiking in heels, skiing and all those other wonderful things that feel so different *Out West*. Support is offered for wives, couples and children.

Make your room reservation with the Kananaskis Lodge directly (403) 591-7711. Registration for the event is $255 until Sept 1, $275 after that date. Contact Phi Sigma at Box 81115, 755 Lake Bonavista Dr. SE, Calgary, AB, T2J7C9.

TRAVEL EVENTS

July 15th...Illusions Calgary presents the Second Stampede BBQ. (403) 236-7072

July 27-30...SPICE in Memphis, a gathering for the spouses of crossdressers. The men are not allowed to dressup. Linda Peacock, P.O. Box 24031, Little Rock, AR 72221 (501) 227-8798

Sept 14-17...Paradise in the Pocanos, a crossdressers blowout frollick. CDS, P.O. Box 61263, King of Prussia, PA 19406 (610) 640-9449.

THE ATTACK OF THE KILLER FRENCH MAIDS

Perspective

By Belinda Dorée

ED: The following is in response to an NFTU front-page article in the May 1995 issue.

"You may as well take this like a man: Fetish has become stylish. After Madonna's SEX book sold 1.4 million copies and Dr. Ruth walked the runway in a rubber nurse's outfit at Jean Paul Gauthier's AIDS benefit, there wasn't much doubt that the S&M kink zeitgeist had gone franchise. Lately, glossy Euro-perv mags like "O" and "Skin Two" have been showing a lot of Mad Max at the Renfaire leather ensembles, with layered shoulder plates and body-molded cuirasses. Now we've got how-to B&D manuals at Waldenbooks, and PVC catsuits at Macey's. The home dungeon is rapidly becoming the hot tub of the 90's."

I.S. Levine

Details Magazine, May 95

One must start by asking questions. Has Dr Bradford (head of the Forensics department at the Royal Ottawa Hospital) ever spoken to anyone from the National Leather Association? From XCcorrigia? The Betty Page Social Club? Has he ever gone down to Fetish Night in Toronto? Dressing for Pleasure in New York? Has he ever shown up at a GM meeting to speak to crossdressers? A FACTT meeting? Does he even know what PVC is? I suggest that the answer is no. Of course not. That would mean that he would have to leave the comforting embrace of his office and the plethora of regulations and symbols of authority which cocoon him from the real world he pretends to study.

As such, most of his impressions appear to come from reading FBI reports, or from talking to people that are frog-marched to his door by the Canadian Justice system. The only crossdressers and fetishists he meets are those from the criminal element.

That's all he sees and *ergo* that becomes his reality. It is no surprise that one of his leading reference sources is a book from the 1800's. Imagine if sciences such as astronomy or medicine still used 1800 A.D. sources as leading references. It would be like the NHL bringing back frozen pieces of horse-shit for hockey pucks.

That the Dr. Bradfords are out of place and time should hardly be surprising. Throughout history the institution of psychiatry has rarely worked as a force for change for greater humanist understanding; they have always served the established power's mindset of society. It is with a snort of contempt that I read the report that Dr. Bradford "challenges" sexual orientation as a major factor. He is not challenging anything; but simply regurgitating acknowledged and politically acceptable fact. This change did not come from within the psychiatric community, but through intense pressure from the outside world. Where were the Dr. Bradfords when homosexuality and sadistic murder were continually mentioned in the same breath? Where were the Dr. Bradfords when corporal punishment for left-handers was an institution? Where were the Dr. Bradfords when Negro slaves who were rebellious and belligerent were described as suffering from a mental disorder? Were they using their knowledge of human nature to help pave a way for a more ethical society. No, instead they were providing the intellectual theory and concepts that allowed other people to justify their unethical treatment of other people, to justify their prejudices, and at the same time proclaim they were acting on behalf of the greater good.

Let's have no doubts of what is happening here. He lists "major characteristics" of sexual sadists who murder as fetishism, bondage and some form of crossdressing. He relegates such things as physical child abuse and drug abuse as "other factors".

A "danger sign is when masturbation begins," declares Dr. Bradford. Is there anyone on this planet who hasn't masturbated? Can't Dr. Bradford even speculate what happens when people bottle up their drives to the point they don't even jerk off? You would have to go back to Middle Ages to consider monks who were indoctrinated to believe that masturbation was a mortal sin. They compensated with self-flagellation and the wearing of hair shirts. Fine if they left it at that, but it was these deformed characters who devised the Inquisition as a social institution and thought it quite proper to burn "pagans" at the stake or break their limbs on the wheel – for their own good of course.

By spurting out a series of random statistics without qualification, and without ethical context, he simply provides people with ammunition to oppress us. The whole implication of his speech is that fetishists and crossdressers are more prone to murder than other people. And if we actually get angry at being so described they say "aha".

But what does our experience say? What does our knowledge of each other say? Most of us have met hundred of straights and have met hundreds of crossdressers and fetishists. Nowhere have I seen a pattern where one group is more likely to murder than the other. If anything it is very arguable that we are too passive for our own good. Statistics can mean whatever you want them to mean. Consider the following tables:

Murders by Sexual Sadists	Population with S&M experience
10%	*14%
Murders by people with B&D experience	Population with B&D experience
7.6%	*11%
Murders by persons engaged in some form of crossdressing	Population with crossdressing experience
4%	*6%

* The Janus Report on Sexuality

Well there you go, in comparison to the rest of the population, we are NOT pulling our weight in the murder business. No doubt in the future, a Dr. Bradford clone will be "challenging" sexual practice and crossdressing as a major factor.

Get a real job.

Petty and Selfish!

A Finger is Pointed

Opinion Letter

by Laura Masters

In the last issue of NFTU (ED: May 95 – page one) you ran a story about how Project Affirmation had snubbed the transgender community, and how they had offered a pittance funding ($4,000) to an out-of-province researcher named Ki Namaste – to cover their butts.

I have just learned that Namaste, who is the author of one of TransEqual's most popular documents, has just released Canada's first transgender related HIV/AIDS survey. I have a copy of it sitting right beside me – but Namaste refuses to give TransEqual permission to reformat the document and distribute it, and Namaste is refusing to permit TransEqual to put it up on our Internet and FidoNet InfoSites.

Namaste prefers instead to release a one-page precis and have the real information distributed via Toronto's "genderpress," publishers of "GenderTrash" magazine, who, Namaste explains, will charge a fee for the document. TransEqual will have no part in this!

Namaste's decisions will effectively limit distribution to the relatively smallish mailing list of "genderpress," who admit they have only three registered subscribers to their 'zine. But the story doesn't end there.

Without permission to use and distribute this document, TransEqual is effectively prevented from using this valuable information about AIDS and HIV in Canada's transgender communities. This effectively prevents us from putting forth any credible lobby for further research, and stunts our work on behalf of our HIV positive peer-friends.

Namaste claims that the fee is simply a matter of cost recovery, to recoup the price of photocopying and postage. But TransEqual covers these costs, and has happily covered these costs in distributing over 500 copies of Namaste's "Gender Bashing" essay. We had intended to distribute the new document free of charge through our Electronic Outreach Project and to send copies to the government agencies on our mailing list. We would have put it into those places where it could do the most good for the 10% to 20% of our peers who are HIV positive, or living with AIDS.

TransEqual's position has always been that information of this nature should be in the public domain, where it can be used for the betterment of all transgender-identified people. We never have, and we never will, charge for the information we distribute. Moreover, it is reasonable to say that any and all information about HIV and AIDS is life-saving in nature. Information this important simply must not be hidden selfishly away in the storage room of some small 'zine nobody has ever heard of. This information should be out in the public domain, and should be distributed as widely as possible.

Namaste is making a terrible mistake, one that may cost several people their lives.

ED: Laura Masters is a transsexual rights activist living in St. Catherine's – she heads TransEqual. Ki Namaste is a Montreal transcommunity activist and researcher.

Skirting Around

by Joanne Law

Hi everybody...

This is the first of many articles about gender issues of crossdressing. Some of the topics will be about transvestism, passing in public, famous transvestites, corset training, fetishes and relationships.

Here is a little history about me – I have been crossdressing for 40 years, but only came into my own over the past 10 years. I have travelled across Canada dressed as a female, flown to Vancouver and dipped my painted toe nails into the Pacific Ocean, and have been stopped by the QPP in the Gaspe and given a $100.00 speeding ticket.

I sit on a panel with the [Ottawa] Regional Police Liaison Committee, which is part of the Bias Crime Unit. I also contribute to the Gay Pride committee which heads the largest event of the year, the annual parade and picnic on Victoria Island. I've been on television and radio, all while wearing female clothes.

I am a crossdresser. Crossdressing is generally a male phenomenon, and is known as a compulsive behaviour. We dress in the clothes of the opposite sex and mimic the style; that is socially reserved for women. Crossdressing affects men from all walks of life, and there is no theory as to why we engage in this behaviour. Crossdressing is 100% incurable and seems to affect 6% of the male population.

Most crossdressers are heterosexual and have families. I fall into that category. We are not effeminate but do love the feminine, and wearing skirts, dresses, or undergarments makes us feel good.

It is a freedom from tension, an escape-route from the "macho", domineering role which we were brought up in. Many transvestites began crossdressing secretly as children, and for most of their lives this secrecy controls their way of living. During the time we find out that special feminine article turns us on, and until we find out there are other crossdressers, we are alone, frightened, and afraid to be discovered.

We lead quite ordinary, decent lives, doing very ordinary, boring everyday things. The stereotype of being effeminate prevents most crossdressers from revealing the softer sides of our personalities as men.

As men we have to be aggressive, unemotional and dominant; crossdressing lets us put our hair on. We want to be soft, pretty, and vulnerable, and set out to be more feminine ..than our counterparts, even if for some, a successful transition depends on a greater element of self-deception. But this will be another topic in a later issue – *Passing in Public.*

Women can walk down the street openly wearing men's clothes and can be described as fashionable rather than perverted. If you extend the word perversion to other aspects of behaviour, then the transvestite is far less socially disruptive than the person who drinks too much, or an individual engaging in violence.

It is doubtful that the transvestite will ever be completely understood by society and accepted as a normal human being. But through education and the availability of support groups, we will dispel the mythology of ignorance and attain that elusive goal.

Until next month...

Ta Ta

Out In Space

Media Watch

by Al Kiehwasser

The late Gene Roddenberry, creator of the "Star Trek" media empire, once vowed to include lesbians and gays in the cast of characters who inhabit his science fiction universe. Unfortunately, that promise has yet to be kept.

However, it now seems that another television show – "Babylon 5" – will be the first to go where no science fiction series has gone before. The show's producers have announced plans for queer inclusion.

Some time ago, J. Michael Straczynski, the creator/producer of "Babylon 5," made this observation: "We have no intention of avoiding the gay question. We will not, however, do a 'gay story,' which is usually described by those friends and acquaintances of mine in derogatory terms...a la fags are people too. The sense I get is that they resent the hell out of that kind of patronizing approach. The one suggestion that comes most often is, 'Why not simply introduce a character, we get to know that character over the run of a season, and at some point discover, practically in passing, that this person is bi or gay'... And that's what we're going to do."

Reportedly, the telepathic Talia Winters – a regular "Babylon 5" character – will be revealed as bisexual. Ardent series fans suspect that Winters will have an "intimate relationship" with the character of Susan Ivanova, an officer aboard the Babylon 5 space station.

Since its debut in January 1994, "Babylon 5's" ratings have been notable. The series has ranked amongst the top of the charts for one-hour television series, making it an especially attractive vehicle for affirming bisexuality.

** Send feedback to J. Michael Straczynski, Executive Producer, "Babylon 5," Babylonian Productions, 14431 Ventura Blvd., Suite 260, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423, e-mail straczynski@genie.geis.com. Copy your correspondence to Dick Robertson, President, Warner Brothers Domestic Television Distribution, 4000 Warner Blvd., Burbank, CA 91522, tel. 818-954-5877, fax 818-954-5820.

Famous DQ Helps AIDS Fundraising

Drag Queen supermodel, RuPaul, has been named as the new face of MAC and honourary chair of the MAC AIDS fund. The Toronto-based cosmetics company

says, "Beauty is genderless." A company spokesperson explains MAC is for all sexes, all races – RuPaul is male, and female, and ageless. The blonde beauty now hits the road with the company to raise consciousness and money for the MAC AIDS Fund, which has already collected $2 million from sales of its Viva Glam lipstick.

AIDS Claims UK Gay Comic

British comic Kenny Everett has lost his five year battle against AIDS. The 50 year old gay star died in the arms of his sister Kate, surrounded by family and close friends. He was known for his flamboyancy and razor sharp wit on radio and television. He had a famous comedy routine in which he appeared as a bearded Dolly Parton.

Born Maurice Cole, in 1944, he spent most of his life struggling to come to terms with his homosexuality. "My biggest problem was that I was lying, which I hated doing," he said in an previous interview. Early in life for a time, he was married to a woman in the hopes of becoming straight. Everett was diagnosed HIV positive in 1990.

ON THE WEB

Mail Order!

America's Creative Design Services, JoAnn Roberts' transcommunity mail order business, has opened a world wide web storefront. The CDS homepage contact command is http://www.cdspub.com/cat.html

Pulling The Plug?

Transpersons, fetishes, and lordknows who else may soon be off the web and other BBS services in the US if the Senate Commerce Committee has its way. Crosstalk magazine reports the Republican controlled committee has approved proposals to ban "obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, or indecent" material over computers systems like Internet. Fines up to $100,000 are included in the communications law package.

There are many more legal hurdles ahead of the proposal before becoming law – but the committee gave it a warm reception. Senator Jim Exon (R-Neb) says his proposal to ban cyberspace smut is not an attempt to censor, but to protect children.

For Women Only

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Dancing In Drag!

by Paula Dancer

It's Friday night and time to go out. When I get dressed up it's hard to stay home. So I headed for Lily's, a safe place in San Francisco, where they have transvestite floor shows on Friday and Saturday nights and "Open Mike" on Saturdays.

I met four "sisters" and a genetic-girl at the club. The four are crossdresser's who like to have fun and go out often. Their motto is "No Fear". No question, it helps to have friends in the same boat who are willing to go for it. (I am just a terrified, but crazy enough novice).

We are all members of the Educational TV Channel (ETVC), so after chatting a while we went off to "Deck-A-Dance" or otherwise called "Bottoms Up". It's in the South of the Market area where the clubs are at and where it's happening! Primarily a gay dance club, Deck-A-Dance is wide open on Friday's with loud music and a good size dance floor. It has an outdoor backyard with a water fall, benches and small trees—an interesting place!

Well my name is not Dancer for nothing!! Play that music and let me on that dance floor. It's time to boogie!

I was wearing black tights that caressed my shapely legs and a dark blue-green rugby shirt that just covered my well formed derriere. I used a brightly coloured two-inch fashion belt to make the shirt look like a mini-dress and define my feminine shape. Adorning my feet were Capezio dance heels, about 2.5 inches, but very comfortable. For the finishing touches I added some accent jewelry, press-on nails, and my "Pretty Woman" black wig.

I was sizzling sexy and raring to shake it, shake it, baby!!

There were mostly men at the club, the neat and clean type. Some lovely women were about and a sprinkling of drag queens. We were the only crossdressser's there from what I could tell. But nothing else mattered to me except I was there to dance!!!

I walked through the crowd and started hunting—a habit of my male experience. I noticed a lovely blonde! She looked soft, kind of shy and was watching the action. She appeared to be alone when I approached her to dance.

I teased her on to dance floor and that was that! We danced for the next hour and a half without a break. She had a girlfriend with her too. It turns out it was blondie's 21st birthday celebration and it just happened that she and her roommate wanted to do some-

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Sweet Perfume of Roses

A Crossdresser Fantasy

by Frances Caroline Pensom

Today he was going to be very bold. Although he had been told about Lilianne's and how the sympathetic proprietor attended her male customers, he was still very much on edge. From the café he could see the delightful window display, the customers, and Lilianne herself bustling to and fro. He seemed unable to pluck up the courage to go in.

The lingerie suddenly reached out and lassoed him with wisps of silk and perfume. He rose and quickly crossed the mall to enter a garden of delights. Through hazy eyes he saw a rainbow profusion of slips, panties, bras, stockings, teddies, bustiers, body suits: a shimmering of Antron, nylon, lycra, silk. Daisyfresh delighted him, Maidenform mesmerized him and he was overwhelmed by Olga.

Dragging himself out of the trance, he found that he was by a rack of bra and panty sets in every array of colour and style. He started to study them with the intensity of a lepidopterist in a field of rare butterflies.

He picked one up. It was in midnight blue, high-cut panty with matching underwired bra having satin cups and wide underarm bands; a tulip motif was woven into the lustrous fabric.

Suddenly, his absorbing reverie was interrupted by Lilianne's voice.

"Can I help you?"

He felt himself colour richly.

"Er, yes, I'm, er, looking for a gift for my sister." His standard ploy – worked wonders in K-Mart.

Lilianne held him in a searching gaze and Andrew grew uncomfortable.

"No. Not your sister. You."

Andrew looked down. Slowly dragging his eyes upwards he met Lilianne's steady, searching, gray interlocution.

"Me? Er, yes. Me." The hurdle was leapt. "I'd like an outfit that really fits."

"Well, that won't." Lilianne smiled – warm, open, friendly, inviting. "Come with me and I'll find you something very special that will." Beckoning Andrew she led him through a door at the back of the store and into a small, well appointed dressing room.

"You can undress behind that screen and I'll be back in just a few moments. Do you prefer white or colours?"

Andrew stuttered a little, "Well, I imagined something coordinated in, say, green or blue?"

"Green or blue? Yes, I'm sure I can find something that'll charm you!"

Andrew managed a weak grin, stepped behind the screen, and quickly undressed. He was just slipping out of his underpants when he heard the door go and Lilianne enter.

"Here is a lovely set – everything matching. Go. Try it on – you'll be delighted."

She came around the screen and handed him the underwear. It was in dark hooker's green and created from soft, silky fabric. He touched the garments gently, laying them out on the bench. He slipped on the bra and adjusted it to snug against his chest.

Next the garter belt, then the stockings, panties and, finally, the slip – all perfectly sized. He stretched and luxuriated in the fit, the softness, the clinginess of the bra across his chest and over his shoulders. Seeing himself in the mirror, he longed to fill the garments properly. His appreciation was interrupted.

"Come out and let's see how good my choice was."

Andrew was suddenly very shy. Taking a deep breath, he slipped out from the screen. Lilianne awaited him and asked him to turn around slowly while she checked for fit. Andrew was having near conniptions.

"It's GORGEOUS," he burst out.

Lilianne smiled. "If you think you're gorgeously dressed now, just wait." She went over to a small armoire, unlocked the doors and began looking inside. A few moments later, she returned to him bearing more lingerie, this time in a deep, dusky rose colour. She set it gently on a small table.

"These are very special and never on display."

Andrew moved over and stood by her to look at the shimmering garments. They were incredibly beautiful, unlike anything he had ever seen. He tentatively reached out.

"Go right ahead – they're for you."

Andrew picked up the bra. It was unbelievably soft and silky. He saw that it was heavily embroidered with roses in subtle shades of deepest reds and pinks with an occasional touch of white.

Replacing it, he took up the panties – they made lycra feel like cheap elastic. The slip was gossamer light and incredibly soft – like fairy cobweb. He draped it over his arm and saw how it fell.

Like the panties it, too, was embroidered and the lace had a strange, silken feel. Although in a transparent envelope, he could see that the bright, lustrous stockings were also covered in small roses. He gently caressed his cheek with the slip.

Lilianne was watching him, an enigmatic smile on her face, Andrew totally oblivious to her scrutiny.

"You like them." It was a statement.

Andrew shook his head violently. "Like them? I simply adore them.

They're, they're... incredible, unearthly, divine." Again she gave a strange smile.

"They certainly are and they're yours for three hundred fifty dollars."

Andrew blanched. But he was bewitched. "Could you please wrap them for me?" he asked picking them up like Ming plates.

"Of course. And I'll give you a sachet of perfume for your lingerie drawer and a phial for yourself." She made as if to leave but suddenly turned and, picking up a skirt, blouse and shoes, tossed them to Andrew, "While I'm gone, try these on."

Almost hypnotically, he caught them and started donning them. As he was slipping on the blouse something familiar struck him – there was a trace of perfume – Lilianne's! So, these were her clothes.

Lilianne returned with a pretty gift box and he paid her. Opening

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another door, she showed him the parking lot and, handing him a card, told him of a special discount he returned within two weeks. Finally, with another anomalous smile, she wished him exceptional pleasure with his new clothes.

Returning to the back of the store, she picked up the male garments he had left behind and dropped them in the garbage. She smiled to herself knowing what she had done and how he was already madly in love with roses. He would return – they all did.

Andrew could not stand the strain and, abandoning his plans for the day, went straight home. He sat down, the contents of the box crashing the gearbox of his mind. He opened up the box and reverently laid out the garments and caressed them tenderly with his eyes. They were unbelievably beautiful. He had felt them drawing him homewards.

Carefully and lingeringly he returned them to the box and went into the bedroom where he set them out across the duvet. He was about to put the lid back on the box when he noticed a small piece of paper. He picked it up. On it was written: The green set is yours to keep! He started. My goodness! He had walked out of there dressed in that green lingerie and hadn't paid for it! He was so engrossed in her things! That Lilianne must have known all along!

He looked in the mirror and received another shock – he was in skirt and blouse! And he had walked across a crowded parking lot dressed like this – it was a wonder that he had not been accosted by either an angry passerby or the law. He felt a thrill of pleasure when he thought about what he had done and, returning his gaze to the mirror, turned this way and that, smoothing the clothes with his hands to appreciate their snugness, their fit and their femininity.

Undressing was stiffly erotic as he gently touched each garment, carefully folding it before setting it aside. They were very special. He showered and returned to the bedroom. Now for the roses.

No, this needed perfume. Remembering Lilianne's words, he found the perfume in the box and splashed some on – now he was ready.

As he dressed slowly, he savoured each garment. The bra seemed to put itself on, fitting so well it moved with him as though his anatomy were correct. The garter belt fitted him snugly, caressingly, the garters in the exact place for the sheerest, smoothest murmur of the stockings adhering to him like a second skin. The panties clung with rich softness, holding him in place as though glued. The slip, softer than any down, slid on almost of its own volition and flowed about his body with a living grace. Finally, Lilianne's blouse, skirt and shoes, all a perfect fit.

He was ecstatic. He had never felt so unmarred, so completed, so feminine and so full of desire. He drew out some lingerie catalogues and idly turned the pages; he thumbed through past issues of Penthouse and Playboy. His stimulation was extreme, unbearable. He opened up several pages and stood to view them.

As he stretched, his climax came with body wrenching fury. He ignored the mess. As he continued turning the pages, his excitement did not abate.

He was suddenly famished and went to the kitchen, the clothes susurrant around him. A restlessness overcame him and was unalloyed by pacing the house from floor to floor. On impulse, he phoned Lilianne and gushed – she was very understanding.

Disquietude unsettled him as the day wore on. He returned repeatedly to the catalogues and magazines. Efforts to dispel his mood by reading failed, paragraphs lurching by like film that had lost its loop; he watched all his Sexy Lingerie videos. Hunger dogged him and he called in a KFC barrel, eating ravenously almost hourly.

By mid evening he felt as if he had hiked fifty kilometres and fell into exhausted sleep just after seven. But vivid, erotic, orgasmic dreams disrupted REM benefits. On his frequent wakings he needed more to eat and drink. His skin became ultra-sensitive to touch.

Erotic dreams slowly gave way to nightmares; fevers began tormenting him. He tossed and turned, fitfully alternating between hot sweating and clammy shivering. Pains began creeping up his extremities and, when they reached his knees, he woozily grabbed several Fiorinal tablets, downing them with ice-cold juice. The pains increased in violence, spreading to his hips and thighs, genitals, lower abdomen, chest, neck, face, head, scalp.

Napalm covered his skin. His arching body was convulsed by violent eruptions of tearing, racking, excruciating pain. Tears of agony joined the sweat pouring off his face. Throughout he was acutely conscious of the rose lingerie.

Later, he found this awareness analgesic. If he concentrated on the touch of the straps, the gentle pressures of the bra and garter belt, the silkiness of the stockings, the gossamer touch of the slip, the pain seemed to diminish. If he dwelt on the pain, it got worse. He focused intently on the lingerie.

Around four in the morning, after yet another meal and drink, he lapsed into a deep sleep of tiredness, still feeling the dying waves of intense pain even though heavily dosed with Fiorinal. His dreams slowly reverted to vivid eroticism.

Despite the exigencies of the night, Andrew woke late feeling very refreshed. He lay on the bed luxuriating in the softness of the lingerie, the lingering fragrance of the perfume and the pleasure of what appeared to have been a long, rejuvenating sleep.

He thought of the night – of the bad dreams. Rising on one elbow he saw the bed linen in a dishevelled heap and the night table a disaster area with spilled Fiorinal tablets, dirty glasses and plates soiled with scraps of food. Not dreams – reality after all. He rose and went to the window where he stretched, running his hands from the insides of his knees upwards towards his chest and head.

Something was wrong. He rushed to the long mirror, lifted the slip and pulled down the panties. He was greeted with the sight of a beautiful cunt surrounded by soft, curly hair. Andrea snuggled the panties back on and let the slip fall. Turning to one side she saw firm breasts supported and shaped by the rose coloured bra. Finally, she dared a glance at her face – it was beautiful, surrounded by waves of soft, chestnut coloured hair. Looking harder, she could just make out the residuum of Andrew. Andrea's delight knew no bounds as she pirouetted and danced around the house.

Finally, watching herself in the mirror, she reached down and slowly caressed herself into a liquid, fiery orgasm that shook her curvaceous body to the depths of her bones. She celebrated the metamorphosis that had taken her beyond that of any chrysalis to change his world forever.

Dancing...cont

thing–WILD! Earlier, they had no idea that they were going to meet up with: "Ms. Paula Dancer...TV".

I mostly danced with blondie and was very attracted to her–still am. We were "literally" making love on the dance floor. Lots of close dancing to fast and sexy music with sexy rubbing of vital areas, tender caressing, and looking into each others eyes. What she saw when she looked into my eyes were large green eyes with charcoal color eyeliner, mascara, and lavender eye shadow!!!

I told her that all this dancing made me sweat like a man. Her response was, "I love sweat!" I was trembling with excitement! Then her roommate came over and we danced, alternating who was sandwiched in between the other. What a scene and in public no less!!

They wanted to know if I was gay. I told them that I was straight and adored women. The roommate said that she had taken a class on sexuality and learned a little about our "sorority of sisters." How delightful! Although blondie said that she has a boyfriend, they both told me how much fun they had. They said they'd be willing to get together with me again! We would go out dancing, shopping or whatever.

Who knows what the future has in store, I certainly don't know!! No expectations allow the beauty of the moment to be experienced. I have to keep remembering that. Fortunately I did get their phone number!

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Straight Swedes Protest Gay Murder

Two thousand mostly heterosexuals staged a protest march in Oerebro, Sweden, in mid-March after well-known hockey player Peter Karlsson was murdered by a gay-basher who stabbed him 64 times. The assailant, a 19-year-old skinhead who confessed to the crime, said he killed Karlsson after the two met on the street in nearby Vaesteras and Karlsson made a pass at him. The protest march was organized by Karlsson's hockey team.

Gay Youth To Meet

The International Lesbian and Gay Youth Organization (IGLYO) holds its 12th annual conference July 30 to Aug. 6 at the University of Salford in Manchester, England.

Over 100 lesbians, gays and bisexuals under age 27 are expected at the confab, which is entitled, "Celebrating Diversity."

Italian PWAs Riot at Hospital

AIDS patients rioted at a hospital in Naples, Italy, March 19, demanding improved access to drugs, less-cramped quarters and better food, reported Reuters.

About 50 PWAs slashed their lips and tongues, set mattresses on fire, threatened to jump out windows, and filled syringes with their blood and threatened to infect medical personnel.

The demonstration ended when administrators met with the patients to discuss their complaints.

Catholic Bishop Oks Condoms

The Catholic bishop of Marseilles, France, recommends use of condoms to prevent AIDS, reported the newspaper Le Provencal. Monsignor Robert Coffy, bucking Vatican teaching, said he cannot ask people "to kill their neighbours by transmitting AIDS."

"In some very precise cases, it's obvious that the condom is important," the bishop stated.

The Catholic Church bans all forms of artificial contraception, as well as gay sex, masturbation and oral sex, insisting that every sex act must be open to the possibility of procreation. Coffy retired shortly after making his statement.

Gays Speak At Concentration Camp Memorial

For the first time, a representative of German gay groups was allowed to speak at a Nazi death-camp ceremony April 23, reported the Reuter news service. At services marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Sachsenhausen camp, gay historian Guenter Grau urged the government to compensate gay victims of the Third Reich.

He said gays were denied a role in previous camp commemorations because organizers believed "the honour of other prisoners would be besmirched."

UK Transsexuals Get Dual ID Cards

People in the midst of a sex-change operation will be issued two picture IDs by London Transport to reduce confusion among ticket-takers, authorities announced May 19. One ID will show the passenger as a man and the other as a woman.

A Transport spokeswoman said some transsexuals go to work as men but go out in the evening as women, and ticket agents were not coping well.

Applications for the dual cards must be endorsed by a doctor. The cards are not available to transvestites.

Inclusion In the News

The board of directors of the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) has urged all wire services to add sexual orientation to their company nondiscrimination policies. Formed in 1922, the ASNE is a professional association that monitors journalistic practices and standards.

Bashing Targets

Estimates from the U.S. Department of Justice suggest that lesbians and gay men are the most frequent victims of hate violence in this country. According to a survey conducted by the American Association of University Women, U.S. school children fear one form of harassment over all others . . . being called "gay."

What's the connection between these two reports? It's both sickening and simple: Children who are afraid of – or hate – the word "gay" are likely to become adults who are afraid of – and hate – gay people.

Coming Out Scientifically

The April '95 issue of the well-established "Scientific American" magazine includes a news brief on "Coming Out in the Sciences." The item highlights the status of the scientific closet, and takes note of the 800-member National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals (NOGLSTP). Send encouraging e-mail to "Scientific American," letters@sciam.com. NOGLSTP can be reached at belmont@netcom.com.

AVENGING LESBIANS

CALIFORNIA – San Francisco's "all-conservative" talk radio station – has begun yet another homophobic harassment campaign. KSFO's Tom Kahm has devoted several hours of his morning show to bashing the Lesbian Avengers. "I'm gonna put you off the map," Kahm shouted, "that's what I'm gonna do. And so are the fellow posse members of this program."

Kahm also gave out the phone number for the Lesbian Avenger's hotline and encouraged his listeners to flood the service with calls. The Lesbian Avengers have since received numerous hate calls, including several death threats.

Kahm's on-air "posse" is made up of listeners whom he encourages to carry guns. Members "sign up" with Kahm, and receive a serial number and a "Citizen's Handbook."

In just the few months since the station inaugurated its Right Wing format, KSFO talk-show hosts have waged similar harassment campaigns against several lesbian and gay activists and community groups, including ACT UP/Golden Gate and GLAAD/San Francisco. KSFO is owned and operated by media giant ABC/Capital Cities, Inc.

– GLAAD-SFBA

Book Notes

Wilde's on Somerset now carries the flashy transcommunity mag *Transformations*. But a warning from the distributor to devoted fans – use it or lose it. The store has been told if not enough sell in Ottawa, it won't be available for long – and that means no more colour photos of gorgeous drag queens!

Gender Outlaw, the transsexual commentary book, by Kate Bornstein, is now available in paperback at After Stonewall on Fourth Avenue. Kate ushers readers on a funny, insightful and wonderfully scenic journey across the frontiers of gender identity.

Sensations (formerly Hotlines) on Dalhousie has brought back *Nucleus Companions* magazine. The bimonthly features loads of personal ads.

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Accused Cop Killer...cont

son. "Leslie was very proud of the breasts, they were perfect," said the bar manager, who also refused to be identified. "He really opened up to people because we kind of knew him by then. He showed us his implants and, seriously, girls were jealous. They were that good."

But just as people were becoming friendly with Nelson, he dropped out of sight. When he returned several months later, Leslie Nelson was a woman.

And she wanted a job at the bar. "Leslie kept asking the manager if she could audition and finally he said yes," the go-go dancer said.

"She blew us all away. She was great! Every guy in the place was looking at her. She was very sexy, very graceful. And they hired her right there on the spot. For Saturdays."

Leslie continued to dance on Saturdays for at least a year. She also danced in New York City and, according to the dancer, at a lesbian bar in Center City (Philadelphia). "She always had brand new costumes, the really good ones that cost like eighty bucks each," the dancer said.

"But soon customers began complaining about Leslie. They said they didn't come to a go-go bar to watch a man. Some guys loved her and the other ones called her a faggot and wouldn't even look at her. Me, I liked her. She was definitely a woman trapped in a man's body. She was just one of the girls."

"Leslie showed no interest in either men nor women," the dancer said.

"Apparently, she danced for fun. And money. I can't imagine her getting violent enough to kill somebody. She was so timid."

THE FATAL SHOOTING

On April 20, two men came to Nelson's little white house on Sylvan Avenue in Haddon Heights, asking questions. One was John McLaughlin, an officer with the Camden County Prosecutor's Office. The other was an investigator with the Division of Youth and Family Services.

Nelson was being investigated in connection with the sexual assault of a little girl police will not identify. During the interview, McLaughlin spotted shell casings on the living room floor. Nelson admitted having guns in the house. So when the interview was over, McLaughlin went to the Haddon Heights police and returned with six officers and a search warrant. The rest is South Jersey history. Mclaughlin's last words, "Drop it, drop it, drop it!" The gunfire.

The 14 hour standoff with police. Nelson appearing at the window in a halter top, carrying an AK-47 assault rifle, taking aim and shooting to death John Norcross, a Haddon Heights policeman who had taken cover across the street. The headlines: Two cops dead, another wounded.

So far, the police have kept their promise to keep Nelson with female inmates. After a brief stay at the Camden County jail, she became the first transsexual inmate at the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital in Trenton. She is in a private room, and is receiving hormone shots and constant psychiatric care, authorities said.

FIXATION WITH GUNS

She is also charged with two counts of murder and one count of attempted murder. The sexual assault case is still being investigated.

In addition, Camden County Prosecutor Edward F. Borden Jr. said police searching Nelson's bedroom found newspapers and magazines that "would indicate a fixation with guns and a hatred of police officers." But members of the "transgender community" are quick to point out that, despite movies like "Silence Of The Lambs" and "Dog Day Afternoon," transsexuals are almost always non-violent. If Nelson had problem, she had them before she ever went under the knife.

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SAFE SEX LUBE

One of the greatest risks for HIV infection in the transie community is the sometimes complete dryness of the artificially constructed vaginas of post-operative transsexuals. Another serious risk factor is anal sex -- engaged in by many pre-operative transsexuals and transgenderists. In both cases, friction induced lesions and condom breakage can lead to blood to blood contact which is almost an open invitation for HIV infection.

A relative new-comer to the sex-supplies market is proving an effective counter agent to the friction problem. Astro-Glide, a substance with a chemistry very like normal vaginal secretions is known to reduce the incidence of condom breakage and is thus proving an effective adjunct to the fight against HIV infections.

TransEqual has learned from the Canadian distributor of the Astro-Glide sexual lubricant that it is currently available in open stock at all Pharma-Plus stores and will soon be available in open stock in all Shoppers Drug Mart stores, across Canada.

If there is no Pharma Plus or Shoppers Drug Mart in your immediate area, the supplier, Pharma Sales, can be reached at 1-800-668-3419, and has a by-city list of independent drug stores also carrying the product.

Sliiiiiiiide on over and check it out!

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Sophy's Sillies

"Oh, Ermentrude, I don't know what to do! All my furniture wants to join Gender Mosaic!"

"Your furniture, Esmerelda?"

"Yes, they're adamant about it! My TV wants to join, so do all my CD's, and in my bedroom -- there's a very Cross Dresser!"

WEAR YOUR PRIDE

Pride Day
Sunday July 16th

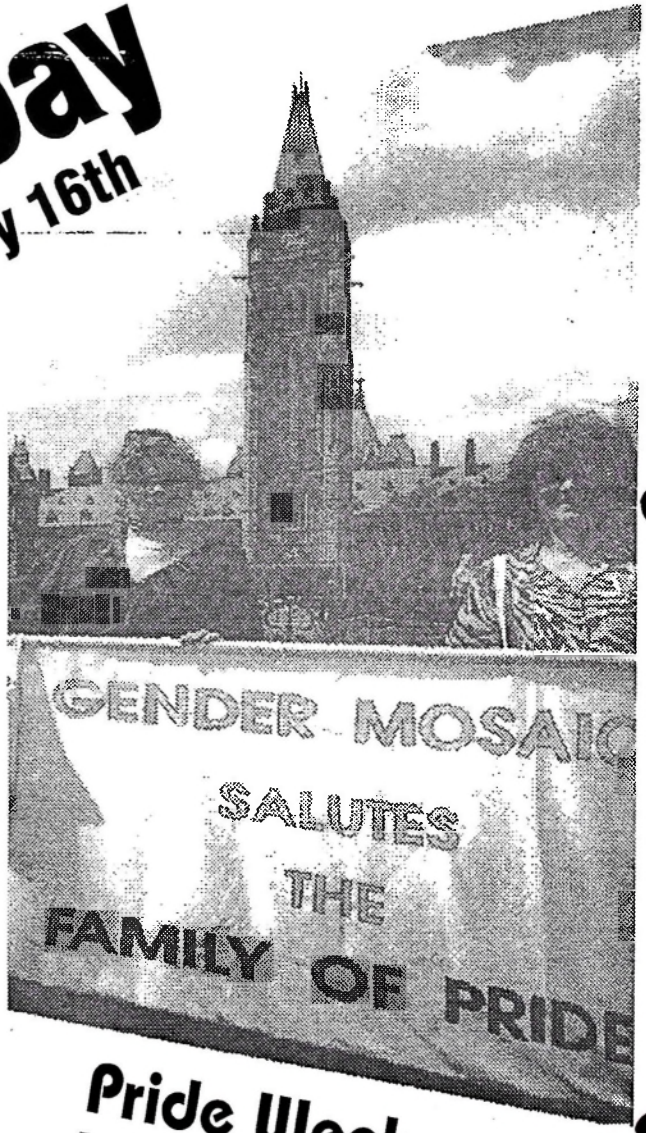
Pride Day Parade
Elgin to Wellington
to "Pride Park"
(between Archives & Supreme Court)
Starts aprox 1pm

Picnic starts aprox 2pm
at "Pride Park"

NO ADMISSION $$
Live Entertainment
starting in the late
afternoon

BEER TENT
FUN & FRIENDS

Kickoff at ALGBO Centre
Friday July 14th 9pm



Pride Week
July 14-23rd